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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/S&T Security Officer

SUBJECT: Reservations of OSA on Proliferation of
Sensitive Security Clearances

REFERENCE: Memorandum from OSA, dated 23 October 1963,
subject: "Reflections on DD/S&T Security
Philosophies"

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1. There is, in a general sense, sound security and operational philosophy espoused in the referenced memorandum. As you know, I have spent considerable time with [REDACTED] in endeavoring to have his staff prepare and issue on a monthly schedule a more meaningful report on this whole matter of sensitive access approvals so that the size and complexity of the problem may be better presented to responsible officers. It is my understanding that considerable work is now going on concerning this matter but I have yet to see the type report we have requested.

2. The referenced memorandum, however, presents an entirely different problem and bears on the Biblical injunction concerning who can throw stones. I do not doubt but that the problem is as described by the DAD/OSA. However, the lack of specificity tends to inhibit any corrective action which appears to be warranted based on the general allegations.

3. I have discussed the contents of the reference with DAD/OSA and we have agreed to approach the matter in the manner herein outlined.

4. In the first instance, it is the responsibility of the AD/OSA from an operational/command point of view to approve access approvals to sensitive projects under his command jurisdiction. To discharge this responsibility, he naturally turns to the senior security officer on duty in his Office. It behooves all of us to support that security officer in insisting that proper and complete facts are called to his attention so that intelligent judgments may be made concerning the granting of access approvals. I have mentioned to the DAD/OSA that if the facts are as alleged in his memorandum we stand ready to support the OSA Security Officer in discharging this function, but can render such support only to the degree that we are made aware of the facts and the problems.

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Will you therefore interest yourself in this matter and prepare for me a report which concerns the necessary ingredients upon which action can be taken. Specifically, I would like to be made aware of an increased growth factor of requests for security access approvals within the DD/S&T structure since the creation of this Directorate. Secondly, I would like some general guidance which indicates the approximate percentage of these requests which appear to lack sufficient facts justifying the request. If the results of your analysis, as confirmed by the OSA Security Officer, indicate that new and more restrictive criteria should be established for approving security access approvals, then I would solicit your mutual recommendations.

5. I will be more than happy to participate in any deliberations with yourself and the OSA Security Officer should you so desire. Following the compilation of this exercise, which involves a good airing of the general problem, perhaps then we can move on to the Agency as a whole.

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